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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, for which a response is due July 14, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP's deposit account no. 03-3975 (order no. 049078-0306784).

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2;

Remarks begin at page 6.

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allegedly being unpatentable over Tamaki as applied to claim 1. Applicant contends that these rejections should be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 4, 6-7, 12-15, 18 and 20-21

Claims 4, 6-7, 12-15, 18 and 20-21 all ultimately depend from either amended independent claim 1 or 16. The allowability of dependent claims 4, 6-7, 12-15, 18 and 20-21 thus follows from the allowability of amended independent claims 1 and 16; as such, dependent claims 4, 6-7, 12-15, 18 and 20-21 are allowable over the art of record.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the § 103 rejections of claims 4, 6-7, 12-15, 18 and 20-21 should be withdrawn.

New Claims

By this amendment, Applicant has added new independent method claim 24 and associated dependent claims 25-27. For at least the reasons presented throughout this response, Applicant asserts that these new claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in a condition of allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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